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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF DATT

REF: STATE 187907

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE NEW DATT. AFTER REVIEWING THE OPTIONS, AND DISCUSSING THE CANDIDATES NOW SCHEDULED FOR ASSIGNMENT HERE WITH COL. COUGHLIN, I AM INCLINED TO RECEDE FROM MY REQUEST AND SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER ONE.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXTREMELY WELL-QUALIFIED ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO COME TO BUENOS AIRES HAS NOW DROPPED OUT AND THAT THE ARMY ATTACHE TO REPLACE COL. COUGHLIN HAS NOT SHOWN OUTSTANDING PROGRESS IN HIS LANGUAGE TRAINING. THINGS BEING AS THEY ARE, AND THE OUTCOME OF A FIGHT WITH JCS UNCERTAIN, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE WISER TO FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON GETTING AN ARMY ATTACHE WHO IS FULLY LANGUAGE QUALIFIED. MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE WAS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT WE WOULD HAVE BOTH THE PRINCIPAL
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AND ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHES FLUENT IN SPANISH. IF THIS IS NOT TO BE THE CASE, LANGUAGE ABILITY SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE QUESTION OF WHO FILLS THE DATT SLOT.

3. SINCE AMBASSADOR CASTRO HAS JUST BEEN NOMINATED, I HAVE NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO RAISE THIS WITH HIM.

I WOULD EXPECT THAT HE WOULD PUT AT LEAST EQUAL
IMPORTANCE ON FLUENCY IN SPANISH. I WOULD FAR RATHER
ACCEPT AN AIR ATTACHE AS DATT THAN AN ARMY ATTACHE
WITH MARGINAL 3/3 SPANISH. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT
IF YOU WOULD LOOK INTO THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW
ARMY ATTACHE'S SPANISH LANGUAGE TRAINING.
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